

**STATUTORY REFERENCES  
FOR  
MONTANA MUNICIPALITIES**

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes applicable to Montana municipalities. They are up to date through July, 2007.

**General Provisions**

Local government generally  
Montana Const. Art. XI

Classification of municipalities  
MCA 7-1-4111 et seq.

Annexations  
MCA 7-2-4201 et seq.

General powers of municipalities  
MCA Title 7, Ch. 1

Form of municipal ordinances  
MCA 7-5-101 et seq.; 7-5-4201 et seq.

Ordinance veto procedure  
MCA 7-5-106

Codification of ordinances  
MCA 7-5-107 et seq.

Penalties for ordinance violations  
MCA 7-5-109; 7-5-4207

Initiative and referendum  
MCA 7-5-131 et seq.

**Administration and Personnel**

Commission—Executive plan of government  
MCA 7-3-201 et seq.

Commission—Manager plan of government  
MCA 7-3-301 et seq. and 7-3-4401 et seq.

Commission plan of government  
MCA 7-3-401 et seq. and MCA 7-3-4201 et seq.

Commission—Chairman plan of government  
MCA 7-3-501 et seq.

Town meeting plan of government  
MCA 7-3-601 et seq.

Charter plan of government  
MCA 7-3-701 et seq.

Strong mayor plan  
MCA 7-3-4101 et seq.

Council powers in general  
MCA 7-5-4101 et seq.

Council meetings  
MCA 7-5-4121 et seq.

Mayor  
MCA 7-4-4301 et seq.

Municipal officers  
MCA 7-4-4101 et seq.

Compensation of municipal officers and employees  
MCA 7-4-4201 et seq.

Municipal clerk  
MCA 7-4-4501 et seq.

City attorney  
MCA 7-4-4601 et seq.

City treasurer  
MCA 7-4-4701

Police and fire departments  
MCA 7-32-4101 et seq. and 7-33-4101 et seq.

Qualifications of law enforcement officers  
MCA § 7-32-301 et seq.

Planning boards and zoning commissions  
MCA Title 76, Chs. 1 and 2

Cultural, social services and recreation  
MCA Title 7, Ch. 16

Municipal and city courts  
MCA Title 3, Chs. 6 and 11

Municipal elections  
MCA 7-5-4401 et seq.

Local government records  
MCA § 2-6-401 et seq.

Local disaster planning  
MCA § 10-3-401 et seq.

Public retirement systems  
MCA Title 19

### **Revenue and Finance**

Local Government Budget Act  
MCA 7-6-4001 et seq.

Deposit and investment of public money  
MCA 7-6-201 et seq. and 7-6-4601 et seq.

Public contracts  
MCA Title 18

Claims against municipalities  
MCA 7-6-4301 et seq.

Municipal taxation  
MCA 7-6-4401 et seq.

Municipal warrants  
MCA 7-6-4501 et seq.

Resort tax  
MCA 7-6-1501 et seq.

Debt management  
MCA 7-7-101 et seq.

### **Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations**

Municipal licensing authority  
MCA 7-21-4101 et seq.

Liquor regulation and licenses  
MCA 16-3-301 et seq.; 16-4-503

Businesses and professions  
MCA Title 7, Ch. 21

Itinerant vendors  
MCA 7-21-2301 et seq.

Transient retail merchants  
MCA 7-21-2401 et seq.

Hucksters  
MCA 7-21-2501 et seq.

### **Animals**

Control and protection of domestic animals  
MCA 7-23-4101 et seq.

Cruelty to animals  
MCA 45-8-211

Dogs  
MCA 7-23-101 et seq.

## **Health and Safety**

Generally  
MCA Title 50

Local boards of health  
MCA Title 50, Ch. 2

Solid waste management  
MCA 75-10-112

Abatement of nuisances  
MCA 7-5-4104

Open ditches  
MCA 7-31-4201 et seq.

Fireworks  
MCA 7-33-4206 and MCA Title 50, Ch. 37

Smoke abatement  
MCA 7-31-101 et seq.

Weed control  
MCA 7-22-4101

## **Public Peace, Morals and Welfare**

Montana Criminal Code  
MCA Title 45

Principles of construction and liability  
MCA Title 45, Chs. 1, 2 and 3

Gambling  
MCA 23-5-110 et seq.

Alcoholism  
MCA 53-24-106

Minors  
MCA Title 41

Powers of municipal councils  
MCA 7-32-4301 et seq.

## **Vehicles and Traffic**

Motor vehicles generally  
MCA Title 61

Traffic regulation  
MCA Title 61, Ch. 8

Specific local authority  
MCA 61-8-103 and 61-12-101 et seq.

Abandoned vehicles  
MCA 61-12-401 et seq.

Municipal regulation generally  
MCA 7-14-4101 et seq.; 7-14-4201 et seq.; 7-14-4301 et seq.; 7-14-4401 et seq.

## **Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places**

Parking  
MCA 7-14-4501 et seq.

Municipal authority over trafficways and public grounds  
MCA 7-14-4101 et seq.

Street grades  
MCA 7-14-4201 et seq.

Pedestrian malls  
MCA 7-14-4701 et seq.

Parks  
MCA 7-16-4101

Cemetery services  
MCA Title 7, Ch. 35

## **Public Services**

Municipal utility services  
MCA 7-13-4101 et seq.

Sewage and water systems

MCA 7-13-4201 et seq.; 7-13-4301 et seq.; 7-13-4401 et seq.

Special improvement districts

MCA 7-12-4101 et seq.

### **Buildings and Construction**

Municipal housing and construction generally

MCA 7-15-4101 et seq.

Municipal construction standards

MCA 7-15-4121

Housing authorities

MCA 7-15-4401 et seq. and 7-15-4501 et seq.

Floodplain and floodway management

MCA 76-5-101 et seq.

### **Subdivisions**

Subdivisions and platting generally

MCA 76-3-101 et seq.

Municipal regulation

MCA 76-3-501 et seq.

### **Zoning**

Municipal zoning

MCA 76-2-301 et seq.

Floodplain and floodway management

MCA 76-5-301 et seq.